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December 23rd, 1895.

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And a Prosperous New Year

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And got them—made up a nice lot of Clothes from our stock and have another consignment of Fine Serges just in.

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Your Suit before Christmas if you order now. Wouldn't shave profits so close, but we must have money. No one can touch our prices.

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Have not inspected our show window you have not seen the choicest and most elegant assortment of

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In Perfumes, Toilet Articles, etc., ever shown here.

What more dainty and appropriate gift than a bottle of perfume?

John Cochrane,

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FOR SALE—A few dozen laying hens. Hastie & Bannerman, Johnson St. de23-3t

SHINGLES FOR SALE.—In quantities to suit purchaser; $1.15 per thousand. Apply Munn, Holland & Co., 26 1-2 Broad street.

SEE OUR 15c WALL PAPERs. Mellor, Fort street, above Douglas.

ELEPHANT MIXED PAINTS, $1.50 per imperial gallon. Mellor, Fort street, above Douglas.

USE MELLOR'S Bath Enamel, 40 & 65c. J. W. Mellor, Fort Street.

WANTED—To rent or lease, with option of purchase, 4 or 5 acres with buildings, close to city. Address P. B. Times Office. dec23-2t

EMPLOYMENT WANTED—In office or warehouse by a young Englishman with a fair knowledge of German. Good testimonials and references of former office work. Apply by letter to F, Times Office. dec23-6t

ELEGANT CHRISTMAS TREES at W. Lang's carpenter shop, 81 1-2 Yates street. dec23-2t

LOOK AT OUR NEW GOODS, best Christmas presents, just received by Empress yesterday. Don't lose this chance, as we are going to clear up the whole stock regardless of prices to-morrow. Yokohama Bazar, 49 Government street, opp. Bank of B. C. dec23-1t

Liberal Association.

Committee No. 11 District.,

(Victoria West and Esquimalt) will meet in Semples's Hall, at 8 p. m. TUESDAY.

POLITICAL MEETING!

The Opposition candidate, Mr. TEMPLEMAN, and others, will address the electors at CEDAR HILL SCHOOL HOUSE, on FRIDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock.

Col. Prior is invited to attend.

Public Meeting!

MR. WM. TEMPLEMAN,

AND OTHERS,

Will address the electors of Victoria, at

VICTORIA THEATRE,

..ON..

Thursday Evening,

Beginning at 8 o'clock, on the issues of the present campaign.

Hon. A. N. Richards will occupy the chair.

Col. Prior, the government candidate, is invited.

THE CAMPAIGN!

A joint meeting of the Executive Committees of the Liberal Association and the Young Men's Liberal Club and all active supporters of Mr. Templeman will be held this evening at 8 o'clock, at Central Committee Room, 42 Broad Street.

Business: CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION

ISLANDER STRANDED

The Steamer Islander Runs on the Rocks During a Blinding Snowstorm.

She is High-and-Dry at Low Water, and Partly Flooded at High Tide.

Passengers Tell How the Accident Happened—Steamers Go to the Rescue.

The C. P. N. Company's steamer Islander is on the rocks at Portlock Point, Prevost Island, not far from where the new lighthouse was recently erected. She went on at 5.30 yesterday morning in a blinding snowstorm. The wind has been blowing hard ever since, last night and this morning with hurricane force. The first news of the accident was received this morning, the Princess Louise on her way to Westminster having seen the Islander, and putting back to Sidney sent a telephone message to Assistant Manager Vincent. He sent back word for the Louise to take the Islander's passengers on to New Westminster. On the way the Louise picked up a boat crew under Purser Moore of the Islander, who had been endeavoring since yesterday to reach Sidney. Purser Moore and the crew went back to the Islander on the Louise, and Messrs. Leiser and Erskine, two of the Islander's passengers, continued the trip to Sidney in a small boat.

The captain of the Collier Costa Rica, which passed the place last evening, said the Islander had a decided list, and the steam was being used for some purpose, evidently to keep the water down. The lumber steamer Florida passed later, and then the stern of the Islander was right under water. It is hard to say in the absence of evidence of practical men, whether the vessel can be floated. The Joan left here at one o'clock for the scene of the accident and a telegram was sent to Vancouver ordering the tug Active to come down. An effort will be made to move her at the next high tide. She would be pretty well sheltered at Portlock Point from easterly or westerly winds, but even so she would fare rather badly in the wind that has been blowing to-day. The Islander was valued at $200,000. She had very little cargo.

All fears for the safety of the passengers were set at rest by the intelligence brought to the city by Messrs. Gus Leiser and Robert Erskine. These gentlemen were passengers on the steamer when she left here, and they tell the following story of their experience: "When we left here Sunday morning there was nothing to forecast any trouble, but as soon as the steamer got outside it was apparent that we were at least going to have a rough time. It was blowing pretty hard, and there was a high sea running, while, to add to the discomfort the rain came down in torrents. The boat ran along under a hard southeaster, no one on board fearing anything, although some of the passengers were very sick. All went well until about half-past five o'clock, when everyone and everything movable was knocked endwise, those of the passengers who had turned in being thrown clean out of their berths. The boat had run up on the rocks off Portlock Point with a bump, and there she stuck, and there she is still. An effort was made to clear her at high tide, but without success, and she is now high and dry. There was some consternation among the passengers, who only thought of the unfavorable surroundings, but quiet was soon restored and means were discussed of either escaping from a dangerous position or making the best of a bad situation.

The captain had gone below when the accident occurred, the boat being in charge of the pilot and the quartermaster, but the captain himself was soon directing operations, and under his guidance things went smoothly as possible.

After it was apparent that the steamer had taken up her position for some time, arrangements were discussed for conveying the news to headquarters, and the captain detailed Purser Moore and a couple of men, in a small boat, to try and make Sidney, some 14 miles away. The two gentlemen named also volunteered to go, and the little party set out. They managed to reach Salt Spring Island, about four miles away, but it was a tremendous task. From there an Indian undertook to pilot them to Sidney, but that was soon seen to be impossible; it was blowing great guns, and there was a terrific sea running. Accordingly the party put back till the morning, when they again attempted the passage. After they had been out some time, they met the Princess Louise. Her captain was told the news and he took on board Purser Moore, who went back with the steamer to the wrecked vessel. Messrs. Leiser and Erskine kept on their journey to Sidney and drove into town, reaching here early this afternoon.

There are several carloads of turkeys in Vancouver for local dealers. If the Louise fails to make the round trip before Tuesday evening turkeys will probably be at a premium in Victoria on Christmas day.

GLADSTONE ON THE CRISIS.

The Grand Old Man's Advice to the Frothing Jingoists.

New York, Dec. 23.—A local paper cabled Mr. Gladstone for an expression of opinon as to the best method of assuring peace between Great Britain and the United States and the successful adjustment of the Venezuelan question. The following reply is published:

"Hawarden, Dec. 20.—Sole possible reply: Dare not interfere. Only common sense required. Gladstone."

FROM FATHERLAND.

President Cleveland's Venezuelan Message to Congress Creates a Stir in Berlin.

Emperor William seeks Council from the Man He Shelved—Socialist Measures.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—President Cleveland's message to congress on the boundary dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela dropped like a thunderbolt on Germany and immediately overshadowed all questions of domestic politics and the Armenian embroglio. The almost general condemnation of the action of President Cleveland upon the part of the German press is due less to love for England than to conviction that the interests of Germany are also threatened. In political, and even government circles, the attitude of the Marquis of Salisbury is receiving unusual approval, evidently with the hope of impressing Americans with the fact that Germany is backing England up in this dispute, and thus to induce President Cleveland to abandon the position he has taken up before serious trouble supervenes. Nobody expects hostilities between the two countries will result; the financial aspect of the affair is taken much more seriously here. If the dispute between Great Britain and the United States were to grow very acute, it is thought here that the former country would endeavor to obtain a pronouncement upon the part of the European governments against President Cleveland's interpretation of the Monroe doctrine, for the success of Mr. Cleveland, it is thought, would have grave consequences in the future relations of European powers and turbulent American states. The latest news from America, however, is regarded as promising. The Reichstag having adjourned until January 9th, no public expression of official opinion is possible just now.

Next to President Cleveland's message Emperor William's visit to Prince Bismarck at Friedrichsruhe has been the topic of the week. Instead of being, as at first intimated, purely a visit of courtesy, His Majesty's call upon the ex chancellor appears to have been of prime political importance, for the news leaked out early in the week that the Emperor sought the advice of Prince Bismarck on the eastern and Socialist questions. The German press at first refused to believe this, but it is now generally admitted to be correct, and later Prince Bismarck's own organ, the Hamburger Nacharichten, confirmed the statement.

It is reported that Bismarck advised the Emperor to introduce into the Reichstag as soon as possible a new anti-Socialist bill, modelled on the bill of 1878, but containing more stringent provisions. The ex-chancellor, it is understood, counseled the acceptance of the resignations of Dr. Boetticher, the imperial secretary of state for the interior, and Baron Marschal von Bieberstein, the imperial minister for foreign affairs, whose resignations have been in the Emperor's pocket since spring.

The Hamburger Nachtrichten, during the course of several articles on the subject, discussed the necessity of suppressing, by military action, the social revolution which is believed to be threatened.

Prince Bismarck has accepted an invitation to attend the fetes on January 18, the anniversary of the re-establishment of the empire.

In consequence of the number of recent indiscretions in betraying recent secret military orders and arrangements to Socialists, an imperial mandate is to be issued to the generals commanding the different army corps, forbidding all soldiers, under severe penalties, to divulge any matter pertaining to army communications. They are especially forbidden to furnish any information to the newspapers.

Everybody is preparing for Christmas. The imperial family will pass it in the same manner as last year. A magnificent pine tree has been sent to Potsdam from Count Mirbach's estate for the use of the little people of the imperial family, and it will be illuminated with old-fashioned wax candles, as well as with modern electric lights, on Christmas night.

TO TRAIN IN MEXICO.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 23.—Martin Julian, Fitzsimmons' manager, arrived here to-day, and secured training quarters for the Australian across the river in Juarez, Mexico, within five minutes' ride of the streets of El Paso. Fitzsimmons will arrive on Christmas morning, will give an exhibition at the opera house that night, and then go into regular training for his fight with Maher on the 14th of February.

—Paper bags and wrapping paper; wholesale price. Johnston's, Douglas street.

TIDE OF LIBERALISM

The Liberal Wave Strong in That Dyed-in-the-Wool Tory Riding, Cardwell.

The Willoughby Revelations Have Driven Montague and Tupper Out.

Manitoba Government Shortly to Go to the Electorate on the School Question.

(Special from Ottawa.)

The astounding revelations which have been made against Willoughby and the Tory managers in Cardwell have driven Dr. Montague and Sir Hibbert Tupper out of the constituency. Cardwell is a strong Tory riding, but even Cardwell is not safe, the Liberal wave is so strong.

Dr. Montague will be made minister of agriculture before the session opens.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—There is every indication of an early dissolution of the legislature and an appeal of the Greenway government to the country on the school question. Three or four conventions for nomination of government candidates are called for this week and supporters throughout the province have been notified to prepare for the contest. At the meeting of the cabinet on Saturday a reply to the rejoinder of the Dominion government on the school question was completed. Members of the government refused to divulge the exact date of the election, but the impression left by the conversation was that dissolution was near at hand.

THE UNFORTUNATE TEXAS.

Has Many Structural Defects, Which Will Have to Be Remedied.

New York, Dec. 23.—Once more the official trial of the battleship Texas has been postponed, this time after she had successfully accomplished three-fourths of the test allotted to her. The cause of the postponement was in no way attributed to the contractors or to the engines, but to structural defects. The ship returned to her anchorage on Saturday night, and will await instructions from the Washington City authorities to Captain Glass as to his further movement. At the beginnig of the speed trial at sea the Texas only attained a speed of fourteen knots an hour. This was gradually increased, until when the four hours' trial under forced draft was begun, the ship was making a fraction over seventeen knots, her engines being pushed to their utmost capacity. Under this heavy strain there was hardly a vibration upon the upper decks. For three hours the vessel was kept under heavy pressure. The general average speed for that time was 17.8 knots. The maximum speed attained was 18.6. At the end of the third hour the ship was brought around and headed back for New York.

It had become apparent that there was too much vibration of the floor plates in the engine room, which was caused by structural weakness. This substantiates the claim that the ship will have to be strengthened by channel plates or some shipbuilding device. There was still further trouble in the engine room and fire rooms. Large quantities of cold water were being used to keep the journals cool. The water ran into the crankpits and then was sent to a mainpipe, which extends through the engine room. The water falls into cisterns in the fire room, where big pumps are used to carry it away. The pumps were totally inadequate for this. In consequence the place became flooded and work had to be stopped. The ship will very likely be sent back to the Brooklyn navy yard to have changes made which will obviate the trouble which stopped to-day's trial.

OPPOSITION MEETING.

The First Gun to Be Fired at the Victoria Theatre on Tursday Evening.

On Thursday evening next, the 26th inst., the oppositionists will hold a public meeting at the Victoria theatre. Hon. A. N. Richards will act as chairman, and there will be addresses by the opposition candidate, Wm. Templeman, and others on the issues of the present campaign. As Col. Prior has been invited to be present, it is expected that the proceedings will be somewhat interesting.

On Friday evening, the 27th, Mr. Templeman and others will address the electors of Cedar Hill at the school house at 8 o'clock. Col. Prior is also invited to be present at this meeting.

This evening, at Mr. Templeman's central committee rooms, Broad street, the work of campaign organization will again be proceeded with. All active supporters of the opposition candidate, whether members of either Liberal organization or not, are requested to be present at to-night's meeting.

A meeting of the ward committee to act in No. 11 district will be held at Semple's Hall, Victoria West, to-morrow, Tuesday, evening, at 8 o'clock.

—Pocket knives, scissors, etc., a specialty at Shore's Hardware.

A FINANCIAL FLURRY

Last Week's Stampede Worked Widespread Destruction, but the Worst is Over.

Philadelphia's Hard Experience—French Bankers' Views on the Situation.

New York, Dec. 21.—Wall street, especially in the immediate vicinity of the stock exchange to-day, almost until evening, was thronged, and groups of members of the exchanges, members of the press, and curbstone brokers, were gathered in Wall, Broad and Nassau streets, and Exchange Place, discussing the happenings of the great slump. Considerable satisfaction was expressed over the news that buying orders from Europe had been received by some of the representative foreign houses for execution on Monday, and it was predicted that foreign capital and investors would come to their senses, and realize the folly of throwing over the gilt-edge securities at such sacrifices. The general impression was that the extreme tension had been relaxed, and, with reasonable leniency upon the part of the bankers, a quieting down would occur on Monday. Estimates of the proposed gold bond issue ranged as high as $100,000,000 to $120,000,000, but no definite information is obtainable. Treasury officials were not surprised at the size of the estimates, but declare that President Cleveland will not hesitate to issue more bonds, if necessary, to sustain the gold reserve. It was almost impossible to obtain reliable exchange quotations, but it was alleged that sixty day bills were practically unsaleable.

Foreign bankers said that the course of events depended upon the amount of unsettled foreign credits outstanding. This, of course, there was no means of determining. Bank presidents denied again, in the afternoon, revived rumors of a call for a meeting of the presidents, or the clearing house committee, but it was said that such a meeting might be among the possibilities next week.

The trading at the opening of business on the stock exchange was even more demoralized than in the initial dealings of yesterday. London cables showed lower prices, but reported a better tone prevailing at the centre. Nevertheless the foreigners continued to unload American securities, and the decline in values in the first quarter of an hour was very severe, and extended to nine per cent. in lead preferred.

Substantially, cordage guaranteed reacted 13 per cent. The decline in the leading railways was headed by Lake Shore with a break of 7 per cent. The other Vanderbilt stocks sagged sharply. The flurry soon subsided and prices took a turn upward, distilling preferred improving 5 per cent. and C. C. C. & St. L., Burlington, Can. Southern, Lake Shore and N. Y. C., 4 per cent. The announcement of the failures of small stock exchange firms served to intensify the unsettled feeling, and sales of stocks under the rule were made for their account. Consolidated Gas broke 8½ per cent. to 120 and closed at 138½.

In the final dealings there was considerable pressure against grangers and coalers, which resulted in heavy losses. The market closed weak at losses on the day ranging up to 10½ per cent. n cordage guaranteed. Total sales were 314,958 shares, including 3,800 shares in St. Paul.

The New York Financier says: The extraordinary condition which sent money up to 80 per cent., and caused the collapse on the New York exchange Friday was shown fully in the bank statement for the week ending Saturday. There was a sharp contracion of $3,344,000 in loans, a decrease of $2,543,700 in cash holdings and of $5,764,000 in deposits, the results of the week's operations reducing the gross reserve by $1,302,527. The New York banks, however, have now nearly eighteen millions in cash over legal requirements and their action in throwing immense amounts of money at low rates on the market Friday, when it seemed that the panic of 1893 was to be duplicated in a more serious way, entitles them to the lasting respect of the nation.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23.—Philadelphia has had its full share of the disastrous financial depression of the past week. Saturday was a never-to-be-forgotten day in banking and speculative circles. When the banking houses and brokers' offices opened they were scenes of activity seldom witnessed. They were crowded with anxious faces and nervous fingers. Many individual speculators were ruined and one brokerage house succumbed, L. H. Taylor & Co. The failure involves a number of speculators who operated through the firm. No statement of the assets and liabilities can be obtained, but the figures are both large. It is not believed the firm will resume. The loss during the week on stocks exclusively listed by the Philadelphia exchange is nearly fifty millions of dollars.

Paris, Dec. 23.—A representative of the Associated Press has had an interview with the principal importers of gold from America, including the house of Allard Hirsch, Lazard & Lazard and the Credit Lionaise, with a view of obtaining their opinion on the financial situation in the United States. The substance of their remarks is that it depends entirely upon the action of congress. If congress does nothing they claim the situation will unavoidably become serious. In any case, they add, the remedy must come from within. It was affirmed that there was no cause for serious alarm. M. Hirsch thinks that with the fall in prices of all securities, the situation in the United States must be very unsafe and the first opportunity should be seized to withdraw the greenbacks, which it is said, are the main cause of the instability.

They believe that English jobbers have launched wild, false rumors about the French losing confidence in American securities and withdrawing gold from the United States in order to create a panic. They say that no gold has been imported from New York for three months and that no orders for its withdrawal have been given lately. All the persons interviewed agree that the affair will ultimately be settled by arbitration and express satisfaction at the fact that this time the diversions will prevent Great Britain from further embroiling the situation in the east.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Evening Post, in its financial article to-day, says there was another violent collapse in prices at the start to-day, the break being heaviest as a rule in stocks not owned abroad. This was none of that malicious foreign liquidation to which simpletons among the financial critics are ascribing everything.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Evening Post says a curious condition of affairs was developed yesterday in connection with the withdrawal of gold from the treasury and assay office for shipment to-day. In consequence of the sudden tightening of the money market, gold shippers were unable to get enough greenbacks (United States legal tender notes), with which to draw the gold out of the treasury. But for this a much larger amount of gold would be shipped.

RULES GOVERNING SEALERS.

Will Apply Only to Vessels Flying the United States Flag.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 23.—The secretary of the treasury has completed and signed the new sealing regulations for the government of American vessels during the coming sealing season in Behring sea. The regulations do not differ materially from those in force last year, except that hereafter vessels entering Behring sea will be required to stop at Ounalaska or Attou and there have their arms sealed up, or they may leave their arms at these points in charge of the customs house officers. They will also be required to display two votex lights at night time. As Great Britain declined to join the United States in establishing any regulations for the government of their vessels, those just completed by the secretary only apply to American sealers. If, however, Canadian or other Britsih vessels violate the terms of the Paris award, they will be dealt with as provided in that award.

THE STRIKERS VICTORIOUS.

The Street Car Tie-Up In Philadelphia Comes to An End.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The great trolley strike is in all probability off. Late last night Mayor Warwick succeeded in inducing a proposition to be made looking to an amicable settlement of the trouble. The proposition comes from the traction company to the strikers, and if the men come back the company will cordially receive a committee from the ranks of the employees and will hear their complaints and grievances and remedy the same within the range of fairness.

The proposition was given by the mayor to Rev. Dr. Baker and Mr. Griffin, of the Christian League, and it was authorized to be made by the traction management.

A mob of men and boys, said to belong to the Baldwin Locomotive Works attacked a trolley car at Fifteenth and Buttonwood streets this afternoon with bricks and other missiles. The conductor and motorman and a woman passenger were badly hurt. Shortly afterward the same crowd attacked three cars at Thirteenth and Buttonwood streets, two blocks away. Policemen with drawn revolvers dispersed the mob.

SAMPLES OF THE TWADDLE

Of Stupid War Talk That Is Being Sent Out Daily.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Officials of the government claim that in case of war between Great Britain and the United States Canada could in 24 hours put 30,000 fully equipped men into the field and hold any force the United States is likely to bring against this country in check a couple of months at least. The situation is generally viewed as one of the greatest gravity, calling for prompt action for defence, but not for any alarm In the event of hostilities General Montgomery Moore, commander of the imperial forces at Halifax, would take charge of the defence, as senior imperial officer in the country. The Journal says: The Dominion government should take time by the forelock and take all reasonable steps to insure our making as good a showing as we can if invasion comes. Immediate application should be made to the home government for commissioned officers to co-operate with some of our own to decide upon a plan of action."

Chicago, Dec. 23.—In the event of war with Great Britain, Chicago and the lakes will be safe. In the Times-Herald this morning a no less distinguished military man than Gen. Wesley Merritt, commanding the department of the Missouri, gives the assurance. "My impression is," says General Merritt, "that we would make the war an aggressive one. We would, I should hope and judge, take the initiative and invade Canada, and make that country the seat of war. The immediate seizure of the Welland canal, to hold it or destroy it, would solve at once the problem of the lake ports. There is nothing to fear from Canada. No invasion of our country could be undertaken there. We would overwhelm the country with a force outnumbering ten to one anything that they could collect and muster, and not leave our sea coasts unprotected and provided with men to defend every port."

None But Ayer's at the World's Fair.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla enjoys the extraordinary distinction of having been the only blood purifier allowed on exhibit at the World's Fair, Chicago. Manufacturers of other sarsaparillas sought by every means to obtain a showing of their goods, but they were all turned away under the application of the rule forbidding the entry of patent medicines and nostrums. The decision of the World's Fair authorities in favor of Ayer's Sarsaparilla was in effect as follows: Ayer's Sarsaparilla is not a patent medicine. It does not belong to the list of nostrums. It is here on its merits."

—An appropriate Xmas present, carving sets and table cutlery (Sheffield make) at Fox's, 78 Government street. *

Rumor has it that ex-President Harrison is to marry Miss Mary Scott Dimmick, the niece of his late wife.

—Diamond rings—15 karat diamond rings; all sizes and patterns, $4, at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street. *

—Coal hods at Cheapside. *

THE BABY INCUBATOR MAN.

Is Dying of Consumption at Washington—Only 30 Years Old.

New York, Dec. 23.—William G. Robinson, the man to whom many little folks who were born into the world too soon owe their existence, is said to be dying of consumption in Washington. Mrs. Robinson was called to his bedside two weeks ago and last night she sent word to her mother that he could not survive much longer. He is 30 years of age and has three children.

ISLAM'S GREEN BANNER.

How a Holy War With All Its Horrors Is Proclaimed.

C. L. Shipley, in Baltimore Sun: As the interests of the Christian portion of the universe are now centered in an effort to relieve the distress of the people of Armenia, an Asiatic province of the Turkish empire, and as rumors have been current that the troops of the Sultan now concentrating in that province for the ostensible purpose of putting down an incipient rebellion of the miserable people have displayed the "green banner," which means a "holy war," it will be of interest to trace as far as possible, the origin and meaning of a "jedad," or "holy war."

It is understood to be a Mohammedan doctrine that jedad, or holy war, can only be proclaimed by the Shiek-ul Islam, the religious deputy of the Sultan, by the personal order of the Sultan himself. The proclamation is performed by unfolding the sanjaksherif, or flag of the prophet, which is made of green silk, with a crescent at the top of the staff, to which is attached a horsehair plume. This flag is deposited in the mosque of St. Sophia, at Constantinople. It is not, however, the original flag of the prophet, as that ensign was white, and was made from the turban of the Koreish which Mahomet captured. For this, some time later, was submitted a black flag, made of the petticoat of Tyesha, the favorite wife of the prophet, and in whose arms he died.

Omar, the second Moslem caliph, obtained possession of the flag by conquest and it passed subsequently into the hands of the Abassides and the Caliphs of Bagdad and Kalmira, and was brought to Europe by Amurath III, and deposited in the seraglio at Constantinople. When the flag was changed in color from black to green is not known, but according to the doctrine of Mahomet, the Sultan and his deputy have the sole authority to unfurl the flag over Constantinople and proclaim a "holy war," a war against all Christendom, one in which every species of atrocity is perpetrated in the name of the prophet on the unbelievers.

The unfurling of the green flag among the Turkish soldiery, if there be truth in the report, may not be from the orders of the Sultan, as there is a large element of Mohemmedans, particularly those of Arabia and the Holy Land, who do not recogaize the legitimacy of the claim of the Ottoman Turks to the caliphate, and would not wait for the orders of the ruler if they were anxious for a jedad against the hated Christians.

If the Sultan should attempt, or if any part of his dominion, independent of his orders, inaugurate a holy war, it becomes the duty of every Christian nation to take prompt action in the protection of those helpless people that will be exposed to every kind of outrage that the devilish ingenuity of the Moslem religion will contrive to invent. Personal interests and aggrandizement should be promptly laid aside in the cause of humanity.

SOUTH AMERICAN NIGHTMARE.

Chile Regarded as a Possible Disturber of the Peace.

The South American Republics eye Chile with suspicion. Chile, the poorest and most warlike state on its continent, the "Prussia of South America," as it is proudly called by the inhabitants, is now credited with a sinister desire to swallow its neighbors. The trouble springs from the Chile-Argentine boundary question. The frontier between the two states has never been satisfactorily arranged. Of late both countries have prepared for war, when suddenly Chile suggested that they should both disarm and settle the matter by arbitration. The Heraldo, Montevideo, thinks the Argentine federation could only profit by this. This paper says:

Nominally the Argentine army is much superior to that of Chile, but in reality the Chileans need not fear the deficiency in numbers. Their troops are much better armed and equipped. The Argentine army has suffered seriously through the corrupt administration. Chile has at least 30,000 veteran troops. Then she has a large number of Prussian officers, engaged in reorganizing her army, and more of these officers are coming. The Chileans are natural fighters and are used to discipline. On the other hand, the Argentines have to depend on their national guard, who are little better than raw levies. Argentina's navy is somewhat larger than that of Chile, but this would hardly turn the scales in favor of Argentina. Argentina has six battleships, five cruisers and four gunboats, carrying in all 103 guns of from 12 centimeters and upward. Then there are four gunboats and three transports armed with lighter guns, a torpedo-ram, six torpedo catchers, and the coast guard steamers. Chile has four battleships, four cruisers, five heavily armed gunboats with 84 guns of large calibre. The rest of her fleet is similar to that of Argentina. Chile, however, can convert the fine boats of the Compania Sud-American de Vapores into cruisers. Argentina possesses no such vessels."

But Argentina fears that Chile will suddenly mobilize her troops upon some flimsy pretext, and thus take her unawares. That Chile can arm in much less time than Argentina is admitted by all South American papers. Hence the Tiempo, Buenos Ayres, advises its government to strengthen its relation with other States. This paper thinks that Chile has conceived the following sinister plan:

First, to make Peru substantially a dependency of Chile by ministering to Peruvian national pride through a pretended restoration of the nitrate fields taken from her during the last war. Secondly, to dismember Bolivia. Thirdly, to assure the neutrality of Peru and Bolivia in a war with Argentina. When the Argentine Republic has been rendered powerless, Chile will absorb Peru, a thing too dangerous to Argentine's own independence to be permitted by the latter country.

The La Plata Rundschau, Buenos Ayres, thinks the Argentines had best leave Chile alone. The Chileans are an energetic race, their country is too small for them, and if they must seek conquests, Argentina should not interfere if Chile attacks her northern neighbors. Argentina, thinks the Rundschau, is safe from attack, as the country on her western frontier is too poor to arouse Chilean cupidity.

—Major C. T. Picton is manager of the State hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the travelling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy, Major Picton says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver. *

STUNTED BY COFFEE.

Bad Effect of the Beverage on Saxony Inhabitants.

London Telegraph: Some respectable statisticians hold that the strongly marked tendency of the inhabitants of Saxony to become dwarfed in stature is in a great measure one of the mischievous results of over indulgence in so-called coffee, which in the families of the poorer classes is drunk from early morn to dewy eve and is a substitute for tea, soup, flesh meat, dessert, etc., like the miraculous manna of the ancient Hebrews. The stuff employed in Saxony which plays such havoc with the nation has, of course, little or nothing in common with the beans of Mocha, whose jollifying effects upon the unsuspicious goats that chewed them first drew the attention of the Mohometan monks to the wonderful properties of the berry. Most articles of food are liable to adulteration, especially when they do not happen to be primary necessaries of life, merchants and middlemen acting on the principle that it is always profitable to mingle the useful with the agreeable. But few, probably none, have so many "excellent substitutes" offered in their stead as coffee, in which not a particle of the original article has a place.

Mr. Jacob Wilcox of St. Thomas, Ontario, is one of the best known men in that vicinity. He is now, he says, an old man, but Hood's Sarsaparilla has made him feel young again.

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Terrible Condition.

I lost flesh and became depressed in spirits. Finally a friend who had been benefited by Hood's Sarsaparilla advised me to try it and I did so. I continued taking it until I used twelve bottles and today I can honestly say Hood's Sarsaparilla has restored me to my former health." JACOB WILCOX, St. Thomas, Ontario.

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Captain James Cook has wonderfully good eyes. Nearly a century and a half ago he told of the great deposits of coal he saw on the west coast of Newfoundland, and was laughed at. The Newfoundlanders have now hunted up the deposits he spoke of, and have found them.

Ministers, Lawyers, Teachers, and others whose occupation gives but little exercise, should use Carter's Little Liver Pills for torpid liver and biliousness. One in a dose. Try them.

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The usual Christmas donations of all kinds will be thankfully received at the Hospital, or if intending donors will kindly drop a postal card to Mr. Robert Jenkinson, the House Steward, he will send to any address named and gladly take charge of any gifts. de21-4d

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WANTED—Operators and sewers for tailoring. Apply to Offenbach Brothers, 63 Douglas street, Balmoral Block. de21-2

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By order,
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.
Victoria, B.C., March 20th, 1895.

$25.00 REWARD.

The above reward is hereby offered for such information as shall lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons tampering or interfering in any way with any manhole, ventilator, flush tank, or other part of the sewerage system of the City of Victoria, or causing any impediment or obstruction to the proper and effective operation of any portion of the said system, except when acting under instructions from the City Engineer or Sanitary Officer.

By order,
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C.
Victoria, B.C., August 1st, 1895.

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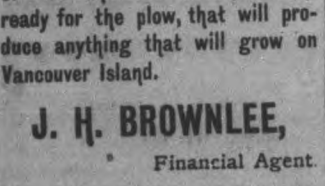

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—There will be a turkey shoot at Clover Point on Christmas day.

—The monthly meeting of the Y. W. C. A. is being held this afternoon.

—An executive meeting of the local Council of Women is being held to-day.

—The Scandinavian Society Valhalla will hold their weekly meeting on Christmas Eve.

—Dolls at the Manchester House will be sold at cost this week by order of the consignor.

—Both the I. O. G. T. and Y. M. C. A. popular concerts on Saturday night were well patronized.

—The members of the Arion Club will give a concert on Christmas day at the Jubilee Hospital.

—Remember that the "Headquarters" is situated next to Fell's on Fort street; the sign is Weiler Bros.

—The Colonies defeated England in the Rugby football match at Caledonia Park Saturday by 6 points to 3.

—George Garesche was married in San Francisco on Wednesday last to Miss Hannah F. Moore. Rev. Father Dillon officiated.

—Another very fair audience, including many children, attended the Saturday afternoon performance of the operetta "The Four Leaved Clover."

—A compact clothes dryer has been patented by Messrs. Lemon & Gonnason. The local sale of it has been placed in the hands of James Pilling.

—Mrs. J. J. Williams, youngest daughter of Postmaster Henry Young, of South Saanich, died on the 10th instant at her home at Hopeville, Cal. Deceased was married about a year ago.

—The hackmen of Victoria will hold their first annual dinner to-morrow evening at the Cliff house. Every arrangement has been made by the proprietor to secure the success of the event, which will be an enjoyable one. A good musical programme has been provided for.

—A. Forbes, the popular conductor of the Victoria & Sidney railway, was married at Armstrong on Thursday last, to Miss Thompson, the only daughter of Mr. John Thompson, a prosperous farmer of that place. Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Vernon, tied the nuptial knot. Mr. and Mrs. Forbes left immediately for this city. They have gone housekeeping on Second street.

—Fernwood Lodge, C. O. O. F., M. U., has elected officers as follow for the ensuing year: L. M., Bro. A. St. Robertson; P. N. G., Bro. A. A. Shuk; N. G. Bro. A. R. Wescott V. G, Bro W. J. Coates; secretary, Bro. G. E. Wilkerson; financial secretary, Bro. T. W. Carter; treasurer, Bro. W. J. Dwyer; conductor, Bro. R. Hawk; warden, Bro. Wm. Jackson; trustees, Bros. J. Walsh, R. Porter and A. S Robertson; auditors, Bros. W. T. Fullerton, Wm. Jackson, and B. Cooper; surgeon, Dr. Ernest Hall; R. S. N. G. Bro. F. E. Holden; L. S. N. G. Bro Andrews; R. S. V G, Bro. R. Shaw; O. G. Bro. R. Sharpe; I. G., Bro. B. Cooper; sick committee, Bros. Fullerton, Cooper, Robertson, Jackson, Sharpe, Shaw and Sherks.

—Rev. S. Cleaver, M.A., preached the second of the series of sermons he is giving on "Elijah, the Prophet of Fire", last evening. The auditorium of the Methodist church was not quite so well filled on account of the persistent down pour, but the interest was as intense as ever. The subject of the talk was based on I Kings, chapter 17, v. 2, and the preacher very graphically described the sojourn of the prophet in the wilderness, his being miraculously fed by the ravens, and later the journey to Zarephath where the widow's oil and handful of meal were so wonderfully preserved. The minister showed how God allows men to have the full benefit of their idols as He did with those who worshipped Bael—the sun god—He gave them sun until their condition was terrible, and even Elijah pitied them. So those men who make gold their idol are invariably carried down to destruction with the gold they worship pulling them down like a mill stone around their necks. Children who have been idolized have grown up to be a curse to their parents, as he instanced by a case that had come under his notice. The sermon closed by relating the demand of Elijah for an audience with the proud King Ahab. The series will be resumed January 5th, the next Sunday evening service being devoted to the Sunday school anniversary.

—Hall's Hair Renewer contains the natural food and color matter for the hair, and medicinal herbs for the scalp, curing grayness, baldness, dandruff and scalp sores.

"I can't offer you anything," said the kind-hearted lady. "but some corned beef and cabbage."

"Madam," replied Meandering Mike, "it 'ud be my salvation. I've walked four miles tryin' to find a house where they'd offer me somethin' besides dark meat and wish bones."

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

To the Editor: I wish to enter an emphatic protest against the brutal methods adopted by the health department of this city in dealing with patients who have been unfortunate enough to suffer from scarletina. My family was quarantined for over a month with this disease. They were notified that they were to be removed to the isolation hospital so that the residence might be fumigated. During my absence on Wednesday evening the department sent an ordinary express wagon without any covering to protect Mrs. Sprague and the children of tender years, weakend by sickness, from the inclement weather. They were bundled into this vehicle, and through the snow and rain of Wednesday night taken to the isolation hospital. Here they were kept all night, and after being bathed and fumigated were turned out into the street and not even asked if they had any means of reaching home. And it was for trying to prevent such indignities as these that Dr. Ernest Hall was brought before the magistrate and fined! For the sake of humanity, is it not about time that reforms were instituted in the health department of this city?

D. SPRAGGE.

THE SEWER WORK.

To the Editor: I should like to make a few remarks to Ald. Macmillan's letter in Wednesday's issue, and as brevity is essential I will try and keep to the point. Ald. Macmillan answers questions four and five in my letter of Tuesday, and fails to answer the other three, after engaging in a lot of tall talk. He states that residents only of Victoria were employed. I will not dispute that; any man or woman who has lived in this city 24 hours is a resident, and it is quite possible that some of those residents employed on the sewers have taken advantage of the cheap rates to 'Frisco, where they can live cheaper at the expense of Victoria ratepayers. I have no need to go to the city hall to satisfy my whim when the alderman states that the bosses have full power to take on and discharge men, no register being kept, no consideration being shown for ratepayers or myself. After digging a trench ten feet long, six feet deep, two feet wide and eight inches of top surface in one day I was discharged as useless. I challenge Ald. Macmillan to disprove this, or the selected foreman. He says men of my stamp have largely helped to swell the city debt. Oh, Ald. Macmillan, why do you write such when the causes are so many which have produced such disastrous results? He again says Eden wants to get the city money not because he is a workman but because he is a ratepayer. Let me tell Ald. Macmillan in plain English that some of Victoria's most trusted and responsible citizens have been workers, not loafers, before they were ratepapers, and I myself would never have been a ratepayer if I had not been a worker, and what I possess to-day I have bought and paid for, and worked hard for the money. I believe in the pay and be paid system. I challenge John Macmillan to prove to the contrary. W. G. EDEN.

Spokane, Dec. 23.—C. L. Smith, one of the largest stockmen in Lincoln county, today telegraphed President Cleveland that he would furnish the government with 5,000 cavalry horses free of charge in case of war with England.

DU MAURIER'S NEW BOOK.

Plot of "The Martian" Based on the Supernatural.

In his new story, The Martian, Mr. Du Maurier ventures again outside of the ordinary range of human experience, yet he does not get out of this world altogether, for he gives advance notice of his return in the new book to the period of his school days, to student days and artist life in Antwerp and Dusseldorf, and to the Paris and London of nearly half a century ago. "Once again," he has been saying to a writer in The Sketch, "I make use of the supernatural. Some hypnotist authorities say Trilby is conceivable; some, with greater emphasis, say not. But, que voulez-vous? It was a little tale, woven in a quiet corner to amuse myself, and such as cared to be amused. It has no 'message.' And my 'supernaturals' must do just as I, and not the scientists, may choose. But the scientists, I think, whatever they thought of me, would not despise some of my correspondence. For, since Peter Ibbetson appeared (the better book, if my judgment were sought), letters have poured in upon me dealing with double dreaming and strange fantastic phenomena—literature enough to base another Psychical Research Society upon."

It is Mr. Du Maurier's extraordinary gift that his dreams and his supernaturalisms are as natural as most people's realities, and a good deal more interesting. He is so saturated with lively human experience that it enters into the creatures of his imagination, and gives body to his phantoms and human interest to the experience of his spooks. If Swedenborg had had his remarkable faculty, it would never have been necessary to provide for the gratuitous distribution of his works.—Harper's Weekly.

Nervous women will find relief in Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it enriches the blood and strengthens the nerves.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Messrs. Saywire, Clark & Co., bankers and brokers of this city, closed their doors at noon to-day. The agitated condition of the market is given as the cause.

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The secret of the wonderful curative powers embodied in South American Nervine is found in the fact that it cures at the nerve centres. From these flow the life blood that gives health, strength and effort to men and women. When these are deranged disease naturally and quickly follows. Thus it is that thousands of witnesses in all parts of Canada, some who have reached three score and ten, others in middle age, and again those who are mere children, tell how this medicine has cured them of indigestion, nervousness, general debility, derangement of the liver and like troubles.

To particularize: Mr. James Sherwood, of Windsor, Ont., has reached more than three score years and ten. He suffered terribly from nervous troubles and indigestion of a very complicated character. It looked as though he could not be cured, his age seemingly being a barrier. But he was recommended to try South American Nervine, and did so. Of the result he says: "I consider it a splendid medicine, which has relieved me of much pain, built up my health, and has given me a much better appetite than I had before using it. I have so far used four bottles and still always keep it in my house."

Another witness from Windsor is Mr. C. J. Curtis, one of the wealthy yeomen of that district. He suffered from a general break up of the system, an outcome of la grippe. Almost everything was tried, but with no effect. As a last resort South American Nervine was recommended, and of its results he says: "After taking one bottle I found very great benefit from it, my appetite improved wonderfully, and I felt my strength returning very fast. I purchased five bottles, but after taking only three out of the five I am feeling as nearly well to-day as I ever did, and I can attribute my restoration to health and strength solely to South American Nervine."

With medicine as with doctors, there is a good deal that has to be taken on experiment. But in South American Nervine no chances are taken. The language is none too strong, that it is an infallible and certain cure, particularly for indigestion and nervous troubles. For sale by Dean & Cryderman and Hall & Co.

Mr. Reed is the fourth Speaker of the United States House of Representatives re-elected to that office after an interval during which other persons occupied the chair of the presiding officer of the house. The preceding speakers thus re-elected were: F. A. Murlenburg, Henry Clay and John W. Taylor.

Captain McClure, who, with a commission from the Chinese government, is visiting various countries where war vessels are constructed, with a view to the creation of a new navy for China, is at present in England. It is stated that when he decides what firm can best supply the needs, he will place the most extensive single order for warships ever given.

—A good gift, shaving sets (our own fitting), guaranteed satisfactory, at Fox's, 78 Government street.

"Catching the Speaker's eye," means drawing his attention to the desire of some member of parliament who has risen to obtain a hearing. In the French National Assembly, the representatives inscribe their names in a book and are called upon to speak in order; but in England it rests entirely with the Speaker of the house to make his choice.

—Christmas comes on Wednesday, Dec. 25. If you are liable to forget it, buy a calendar clock for $1.50 at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street.

In polishing silver that has been laid away and badly tarnished, it is a good plan to dip a portion of a soft old cloth in sweet oil or soft lard, then in whiting, and rub the articles well until the black has disappeared. Then finish with whiting applied with a dry cloth, and polish off with a chamois skin.

What to Send

As a Christmas present to the loved ones far away is a momentous question with many just now.

The selection of a suitable present is a matter upon which one is always willing to accept some advice.

Here is ours:

Endeavor to choose something that will bring the greatest amount of pleasure for the greatest length of time for the least expenditure.

Now that's advice.

Here's an undeniable, absolute and positive fact: Nothing will bring a greater amount of real enjoyment to distant friends for a greater length of time at such a small expenditure as

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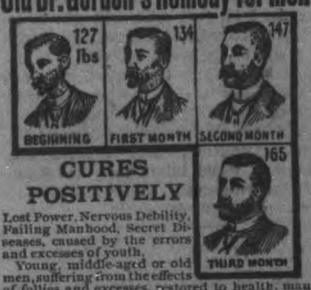

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JOSHUA DAVIES

AUCTIONEER,

Room 7, - Board of Trade Building.

The Daily Times.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

It is not true that the separate school question is on the same footing in Manitoba as in Quebec or Ontario. In the latter provinces the school systems as they now are were voluntarily established by the people of those provinces long before confederation, they were perpetuated expressly by the federal compact, and the people of Quebec and Ontario have never given a sign that they are dissatisfied with the state of affairs which they thus voluntarily established for themselves. There was no agreement made by Manitoba at the time of confederation that the system of separate schools would be established and maintained for all time to come. No part of the bargain between Manitoba and the Dominion bound the province to establish any sort of a system; its hands were left perfectly free by the federal compact. After Manitoba became a province it was at liberty to set up either a completely secular and non-sectarian system, or a system under which each religious denomination would have its own set of schools. The province voluntarily established separate schools, but in course of time it was found that under this system a considerable number of the children were not receiving the educational benefits to which they were entitled. Then it was decided that a change should be made. It was open to the Dominion government at that time to step in and say this change should not be made, but it refrained and sent the question to the courts, plainly with the idea that the decision there would relieve it of any responsibility in the matter. The government was in the same position then as now; it could interfere or refuse to interfere with Manitoba's course of action. Now it has the same decision to make, and it has decided upon interference, not because the law or the constitution calls for such action but because there appeared a possibility of political gain. The school systems in all the other provinces have been framed by the provinces themselves. The federal authority did not intervene in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, though its intervention was just as much called for as in the case of Manitoba. The minority in those provinces has of late years offered no complaint, because the school systems established by the provinces have adjusted themselves by compromise and mutual concession to the needs of the whole population, and there is no hint at injustice to anybody. In Manitoba there will be an equally peaceful and satisfactory settlement among the people themselves if they are left to quietly work out their own affairs. If federal interference is persisted in, that settlement will be seriously delayed, and naturally the minority will be the worst sufferers. It is a well known fact that intelligent and earnest members of the minority quite clearly appreciate the situation; they are more keen than any others to avert federal interference, both because they know it would injure their co-religionists and because they resent any infringement on provincial rights.

QUOTE FAIRLY.

The Colonist yesterday fairly surpassed itself. The old familiar "campaign lie nailed" made its appearance, though it is yet early in the campaign. Dr. Bournot is called in evidence, and such epithets as "impudent lie" and "audacious untruth" are added to the Colonist stock in trade. Unfortunately for our frantic neighbor, to most of the people who read the message said to have been sent by Dr. Bourinot the question at once occurred: "If Dr. Bourinot believed Col. Prior to be eligible for a cabinet membership, would he not have said so at once?" The omission is very significant indeed. The Colonist goes so far as to insinuate that our Ottawa correspondent did not send the dispatch printed in Saturday's Times. The dispatch was printed exactly as it was sent from Ottawa, and its bona fides cannot be attacked by anyone with a shady reputation such as the Colonist enjoys. With the large number of quotations from the eastern papers of last Monday we need not deal, for they carry their own explanation. We may inform our neighbor, though, that the announcements spoken of in the Times were not those made in Monday's papers, but on Tuesday and subsequent days. These are delayed by the accident to the Islander. The point is of no great importance, but it seems necessary to point to one piece of "honest" work done by the Colonist in this connection. It carefully reproduces the following paragraph from an Ottawa dispatch to the Toronto Star:

"Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Col. Prior, M. P. for Victoria, B.C., has been taken into the cabinet. Just what portfolio he will hold has not yet been made public. This proceeding on the part of Sir Mackenzie Bowell fulfils a promise made to the Pacific province some time since."

It so happens that a few lines below this in the same paragraph the following paragraph appeared, which the Colonist was very careful not to copy:

"Later.—The report published in the Citizen this morning that Col. Prior is to be a cabinet minister is inaccurate. It turns out that Controller John F. Wood has been offered and accepted the controllership of customs, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Wallace, and that Lieut.-Col. Prior will be made controller of inland revenue. Neither of them will be cabinet ministers, but will be sworn in as privy councillors, the same as was done in the case of ex-Speaker Kirkpatrick and Mr. Onimet. The statute provides that controllers cannot sit in the cabinet."

The Colonist ought to quote fairly and lay the facts squarely before its readers so that they may form their own judgment.

The Kincardine Review, Conservative, says: "We cannot but feel sorry for Sir Mackenzie Bowell. He made a clean and capable departmental officer. He was intensely loyal to his leader at all times. He never attempted to check the ambition of any man who by ability or seniority was his superior. He was the tried and trusted lieutenant of his chief and had an influential following in Ontario. When the premiership fell into his hands he kept the old gang of ministers at their jobs. Thoroughly loyal himself to his leaders, he probably never expected that his ministers would go back on him when he became the leader. When they began to oppose him he began to make compromises with them. When they sent in their resignations he allowed them to come back after the manner of the cat immortalized in song. He tried conciliation where he should have tried force. He tried leniency and failed where sternness would have succeeded. He gave them so much rope that they nearly hanged themselves. He tried to act the peacemaker and they made a guy of him. His reign has been marked by changes of front that were too frequent and changes of ministers that were not frequent enough. He fooled himself in trying to do the velvet glove act when he should have showed the iron hand. He spent too much dictation on Mr. Greenway's cabinet and not enough on his own."

CASES ALTERED.

To the Editor: The early activity of your Government street contemporary in this bye-election is in strong contrast to its lukewarmness and apathy in the first stages of the last general electfion. when the grease for the wheels did not arrive from Ottawa till well on in the fight. The grease must have arrived in plenty of time on this occasion, not only for the Colonist, but for others whose usual condition is that of chronic impecuniosity, but who can now be seen toting the intelligent elector into various saloons and using liquid argument on the school and cabinet ministry question.

HAVE ANOTHER

BOWELL-PRIOR VERSION SPIDER AND FLY.

"Will you walk into my Cabinet?"
Says the poor, old Tory head;
"Since Wallace he has left me,
You can have his job instead
There are up-stairs and down-stairs
In this Cabinet, too,
But, Prior, as you know,
The down-stairs must suit you

"But for that rascal Wallace,
This job you ne'er would get.
Who rather left me in this plight
Than force a wrong upon a right.
Your bravery now, good Colonel,
Must stand you in good stead,
To fire the balls that Wallace feared,
At Manitoba's head."

Now tell Victoria people
How Bowell was so nice
To give a job controlling
With wages out of sight
And Governor Dewdney is the man
To see you fixed all right.
But sure it is no honor
To this our province fair,
That Bowell with a dying gasp
Gave us a controller bare.

NON-COERCIONIST.

First editions of Robert Louis Stevenson are already fetching high prices. At a recent sale of Philip Gilbert Hamilton's library and etchings, a presentation copy of "An Inland Voyage," 1878, was sold for $53; and the first edition of the "New Arabian Nights," two volumes of 1882, for $40.

Speaking of Hall Caine, a United States contemporary says, "Caine is an able man."

It may not be generally known that Du Maurier, the artist, and the author of Trilby, made the fantastic and inartistic drawing upon the labels of Apollinaris water bottles.

—Come and see the wire jewelry, made while you wait. Brooches, bracelets, watch chains, pins and goods of all descriptions at 68 Yates street.

Mrs. Keeley, the veteran actress, whose ninetieth birthday was recently celebrated in London, sang the "Mermaid's song" in a performance of Oberon, conducted by Weber himself in 1826.

—A present—I am selling watches, clocks and jewelry at cost and making you a present of the profits. The reason why does not concern you; come and see the prices at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street.

Christmas Fruits.

Valencia raisins and currents just arrived from the east; cheap and thoroughly clean, at Johns Bros., 259 Douglas street.

John W. Mackay, the millionaire, claims that he can run, jump or hop against any other millionaire in the United States. In his early days, when he was engaged as miner, Mr. Mackay was noted for his athletic performances.

Miss Vera Beringer, the first Little Lord Fauntleroy in London, has grown up, and is to appear soon as Juliet to the Romeo of her sister, Miss Esme Beringer. It is the first time that two sisters have acted in these parts since the days of Charlotte Cushman, half a century ago.

A queer happening attributed to the recent earthquake that shivered up through the Middle States from the Gulf to the lakes is that many wells have gone dry, and not a few cisterns and reservoirs have become empty since the shock.

For the Holidays.

A choice line of new and fashionable neckwear just received from New York: Bows, Knots, Four-in-Hands and the new De Joinville scarf. W. N. Carmichael, Gentlemen's Furnisher, Yates Street.

Holiday Goods

B. C. Furniture Company.

Fine Bisque Figures,

Dresden, Doulton and Carlsbad Vases
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Former Prices Cut in Half.

See these Goods.

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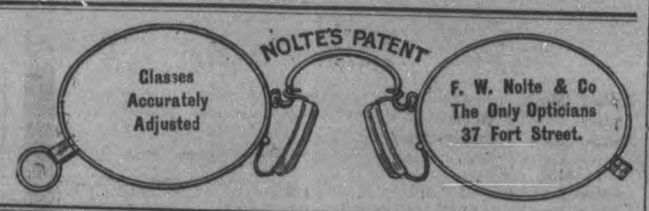

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A Gentleman appreciates nothing more than that which while it expresses kind remembrance, at the same gives comfort and a sense of luxury.

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Before purchasing presents it would, at least, be prudent for you to see these goods. No trouble to show them, and no hard-feelings should you not buy at

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CANDLE BURNING CONTEST now on. No purchase necessary to take a chance. Open to everybody—FREE.

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But we can, therefore we are pleased to inform the public that a large consignment of Turkeys is expected by to-night's boat. Kindly place your orders early, so as to ensure prompt delivery.

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Tea Pots, Coffee Pots, Sugar Bowls, Spoon Holders, Cream Pitchers, Syrup Jugs, Toilet Sets, Etc.

This is a beautiful ware and can never break.

A Slipper Ad.

YOU MAY be thinking of presenting someone with a pair of Slippers at Christmas. Will this list help you to decide.

GENTLEMANS', IN
PATENT LEATHER,
BLACK LEATHER,
TAN LEATHER,
PLUSH, different colors, embroidered.

LADIES' IN
SATIN, all colors, beautifully embroidered with steel bead work and plain.
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A large shipment just received. The duty is less. The price is lower.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

—Read Gilmore & McCandless' overcoat talk. *

—Gilmore & McCandless are looking for the man in need of an overcoat. *

—Wood air-tight heating stoves at Clarke & Pearson's, 17 Yates street. *

—See the prize puzzle in the window at Shore's Hardware, 57 Johnson St. *

—P. S. Bartlett Waltham watches in dust-proof stem-wind cases, $10.50, at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street. *

—The sale of watches, clocks and jewelry is not postponed, but is always running at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street. *

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—The yacht club house is again under water. This time the storm is responsible for the damage. The pontoons, it is believed, are too heavy to hold the building.

—A special song service will be held on Christmas morning at 10:30 in the Centennial Methodist church. A choir of 100 voices under the direction of Mr. Spice will render special songs. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. F. Betts.

—There will be a service in the Metropolitan Methodist church on Christmas morning at 11 o'clock. There will be a short address by the pastor and a musical programme by the choir, with carols and appropriate anthems. A collection will be taken in aid of the poor fund.

—The funeral of little Willie Shultz took place on Saturday at 2 p.m. from the family residence, 129 Douglas street. Rev. Mr. McCrossan officiated. The pall bearers were Charles Nun, Edward Blackett, Frank Heuskey and A. F. Mathews.

—The Companions of the Forest will hold their regular meeting this evening, when the nomination and election of officers will take place. The arrangements for the grand national ball will also be completed. A large number of tickets are already sold, and there will no doubt be a good attendance. Four handsome prizes will be given for the best national costumes, and a vote of the entire assembly will be cast to decide upon them. Richardson's orchestra will provide the music, and a fine supper will be spread.

—Auction Sale.—To-morrow at 2 p.m G. Byrnes will sell at his rooms, 22 Yates street, a lot of valuable jewelry, by order of Mr. Monteith, the official administrator of intestate estates, consisting of brilliant diamond ear-rings, brooches and bracelets, rings, ruby and diamonds, also sapphires, scarf pins, ladies' and gentlemen's gold watches, brooches, etc., also a consignment of Australian furs, consisting of buggy robes, bed covers, mats, ornamental furs for floors, ladies' reticules, slippers, foot warmers, emu eggs, etc.

ART ASSOCIATION.

The Exhibition Closed on Saturday Night—Drawing for Prizes.

The exhibition of the Victoria Art Union closed on Saturday night with a larger attendance than at any time during the week. Much interest was taken in the drawing, conducted by Mrs. G. C. Shaw and G. Gibson. One hundred and thirty pictures where divided into eleven prizes, which were won by the following:

1st prize.—Won by W. Scott, who selected "Indian Fishers," "Windy Afternon" and "Chinaman's Farm," by T. Bamford.

2nd prize.—Won by T. S. Gore, "Seal" and "B. C. Trout," by E. S. Shrapnel.

3rd prize.—Won by Miss B. E. Hall, "Upper Phillip River," by S. Tytler, and "Ross Bay," by T. Bamford.

4th prize.—Won by A. G. Smith, "Near Cape Flattery," by L. C. Barff.

5th prize.—Won by Mr. Bantly, who chose a portrait of himself, by Rene Quentin.

6th prize.—Won by E. Fleming, "Boulder, Foul Point," "Evening, Indian Reserve," by T. Bamford.

7th prize.—Won by Mr. Rattenbury, who has not yet chosen his pictures.

8th prize.—Won by W. Furnell, "Winter Scene, Nanaimo," by Rene Quentin.

9th prize.—Won by E. Cameron, "A Windy Morning," by T. Bamford.

10th prize.—Won by M. Robinson, "Gordon Meadows," by E. S. Shrapnel.

11th prize.—Won by Geo. Rogers, "Mount Baker from Oak Bay," by S. McClure.

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MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL.

Meeting of the Managers to be Held at Portland on January 12th.

Now that professional baseball in the Northwest next season is a sure go, all eyes are turned to the meeting of the managers of the four cities to be represented in the league, which will be held in Portland January 12, says the Seattle P. I. At this meeting everything will be done to start the new league successfully upon its initial season. The most important business will be the adoption of the schedule of games to be played. Nearly everything else of importance was done at the meeting held in Detroit in November last. Before going to Portland to attend the meeting the managers will visit their respective cities, which are: Seattle, R. H. Leadley; Tacoma, J. Stroebel; Victoria, Charles Dooley; Portland, R. J. Glenalvin

Outside of Glenalvin, the other gentlemen are not known in the Pacific Northwest, except by reputation, consequently they wil have much to do when they visit their respective cities in which they will make their homes during the season of 1896, and it is hoped for many successive seasons, for they are the right kind of men to handle baseball clubs, and give the people of this section the kind of baseball necessary to revive interest in the game and make it a permanent success. There can be no question of the success of the new Pacific league, provided the promoters thereof give the public what it wants. This is nothing more than good, fast ball, and teams made up of players full of vim and snap. It matters not whether these players be old or young or whether they have reputations or not. All the public desires is that every man shall be in the game from the time he goes upon the field until he leaves it. The public is entitled to it and the managers say it shall have it.

That the Pacific Northwest is popular with ball players is evidenced by the fact that among the applicants for positions in the several teams are many old favorites in this section, Billy George, Willie Mains, Billy Earle, Abner Powell and White are among these. Another thing which is much to the players' liking is the establishment of the sinking fund. This fund has a nucleus of $500 from each club, and there is to be added to it throughout the season 10 per cent. of the receipts of each game. As a consequence, it will amount to quite a respectable fund at the end of the season. The only claim upon it will be the expenses of the league, which will be reduced to a minium, and the players' salaries, provided they have not been during the season, which they will be, for the contract each player signs calls for two pay days each month. When every other obligation has been discharged, what remains of the fund wil be distributed pro rata among the four clubs. The several managers are now engaged signing players, and it is probable they will be ready to announce the make-up of their teams when they visit their respective cities.

THE MEAT MARKETS.

Creditable Christmas Display Made by the City Butchers.

The business men of the city have, as in former years, made special efforts to display their goods in the most tempting manner for the holiday trade. The butchers have succeeded admirably in arranging their wares to coax those who are looking for something appetizing for their Christmas dinners.

R. Porter & Sons have confined their efforts at decorations to their commodious shop near the new postoffice building. Among their collection of meats is a whole ox that dresses over 1500 lbs. It captured the first prize at the Victoria exhibition and was fed and raised by J. B. Graves, of Douglas Lake, Kamloops district. There are also two enormous hogs, one dressing 750 lbs. and he other 600 lbs. The mutton, which is a splendid looking lot, is principally of home production. Turkeys, chickens, geese, and ducks are arranged around the walls in abundance. Evergreens and other ornaments have been used to the best advantage, making the display one of the best, if not the best, in the city. The shop will be lighted up to-night and will be well worth seeing.

John Parker & Son, the Fort street butchers, have made no special efforts to decorate their shop, being satisfied to let their choice collection of meats speak for itself without the assistance of much artificial decoration. They have a display of dressed meats of their own manufacture, which are becoming very popular in the city.

At L. Goodacre's, the Queen's Market, the choicest beef, pork, mutton, and poultry are shown in the most tempting manner. Mr. Goodacre invites inspection of his very large collection of meats and is satisfied that he has just what those desire who are looking for something tasty for the Christmas dinner.

The B. C. Market Company, D. W. Gillies manager have a magnificent display of prime graded beef from the ranges of the company in the upper company. The cattle have been fed on bunch grass only, and the beef is very tender. Besides there is a whole hog, which was imported from Brandon a few months ago, and which dresses 550 pounds. Here as at the other shops there are the tempting sucking pigs in abundance. There are also island turkeys and fowl of all kinds. Mr. Gillies is well satisfied with the Christmas trade, as it is beyond his expectations.

All the butchers are disappointed in the matter of securing their eastern turkeys. They were to be brought from Vancouver, yesterday by the Islander, but on account of her accident, it is impossible, the turkeys will not arrive in time for the Christmas dinners.

Templeman's Central Committee Rooms, 42 Broad Street.

—You have heard of Waltham, Elgin, Hampden and other makers of watches. You all have your opinion as to which are best. I have them all from $5, at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street.

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Sterling Silver Tea Services and Christmas Novelties.
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New Cooking Raisins, **5c. per lb.**

New Cleaned Currants. 3 lb for 25c.
New Sultana, Valencia and Cluster Raisins.
New Citron, Lemon and Orange Peel, 20c. lb.
Best Pastry Flour, $1 per Sack; Granulated Sugar, 21 lbs for $1.
Another lot of Canned Haddies.
Shredded Codfish to make nice fish cakes for breakfast, at 10 cents per package.

Hardress Clarke, Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

ARGYLE ✠ HOUSE!

XMAS. XMAS. XMAS.

Ladies' Motto Handkerchiefs, 5c. each.
Ladies' Colored Hemstitch Handkerchiefs, 5c. each.
Ladies' Lace Handkerchiefs from 15c.
Ladies' and Children's Handkerchiefs, in fancy boxes, from 10c. to $1.25 per box.
Ladies' Embroidered Cambric Handkerchiefs from 10c. each.
Ladies' Embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs from 10c. each.
Ladies' and Gents' Inital Handkerchiefs.
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Gents' Hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs, White and Colored.
Ladies' Lined Kid Gloves, deep fur top, $1.00 a pair.
White Table Linens from 35c. a yard.
A good assortment of Plain and Fringed Napkins.
Children's White Fur Boas, 35c. each.
A well assorted stock of Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas from 50c. each.
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Crochet Silk, The Peerless, 25c. a spool
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If You Are Thinking

What you will give that gentleman friend of yours for Christmas, you can speedily come to a decision by inspecting our fine stock of

GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHINGS.

Latest Style Hats; Just Arrived.
The Newest Creations in Fine Neckwear.
Beautiful Embroidered Suspenders, etc., etc.

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The Only First-Class Merchant Tailoring Establishment In Victoria

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—Call at the London bar for A. 1 Tom and Jerry. Hot lunch on Christmas Eve—pork and beans, Boston brown bread, roast turkey al la fourchette. *

Keep the Boys Warm

There is more than one way to warm the boys, just one way to keep them warm, buy them good, warm clothing.

Boys' Overcoats only $2 each.

Heavy Grey tweed, long cape, well lined, range in size from six to ten years.

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All children accompanied by their parents will be presented with an interesting toy free while the supply lasts, come early and ask for a Christmas present.

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4-Crown Muscatelles, - - - 3 lb. for 25c
Currants (Cleaned) - - - - 3 lb. for 25c
California Figs, - - - - - 2 lb. for 25c
Turkish Figs, - - - - - 20c per lb
Candy Peel all down to bed-rock.
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AN ELUSIVE MEMBER

Ex-Controller Wallace's Announcement Regarding North Ontario's M. P.

What the Vote in North Ontario Means—The Third Party's Strength.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The government had a very short-lived victory as far as the election in North Ontario is concerned. The day after the election Sir Mackenzie Bowell and his colleagues were congratulating themselves that they had retained the constituency and on the following morning Clarke Wallace announced in the press that the newly-elected candidate was a supporter of his and that Mr. McGillivray would vote against remedial legislation. Not only was the ex-controller of customs satisfied that Mr. McGillivray would do this but that he had a pledge from him to that effect. So that instead of the government having been able to secure a supporter of coercion they have got on their hand a strong opponent of their school policy. Just as they were beginning to use Mr. McGillivray's election in the province of Quebec, as a proof that their school policy was satisfactory to Ontario, thereby hoping to carry the constituencies of Jacques Cartier and Montreal Centre, Mr. Wallace has knocked their whole game out, and neither Sir Mackenzie Bowell nor any of his colleagues are able to contradict Mr. Wallace's statement. Indeed the latter did all that he could to secure Mr. McGillivray's election. It was Mr. Wallace who selected Mr. McGillivray, and the Orange township of Brock, where Mr. Wallace spoke and worked for him, gave him a handsome majority. So that the third party has now grown to double its size. Last session it only had Mr. O'Brien and Mr. McCarthy. This session it will have Messrs. McCarthy, O'Brien, Wallace and McGillivray. But the latter two are still N. P. men, while McCarthy and O'Brien are tariff reformers.

If the government cannot get any credit for gaining the constituency with an unpledged candidate on the school issue, they certainly get badly left on their fiscal policy. Mr. Brandon, the Patron candidate, was as strongly opposed to the N. P. as was Mr. Gillespie, the Liberal standard bearer. Both of them attacked the government's fiscal policy in the most determined way. The how the tarishrdlucmfwypcmfwypvbgkq Patrons gave practical illustrations of how the tariff worked by carrying around goods in their pockets which even the big tariff wall could not exclude. And what was the result? It was this: That a majority of about 300 votes was piled up against the N.P. for the combined vote of Messrs. Brandon and Gillespie exceeded the Tory vote to that extent. Again the vote of Mr. Madill at the last general election was about 200 more, out of a thousand less votes in the riding by the voters' lists of that time, than what Mr. McGillivray got. He failed to carry the old Tory vote although there were an addition of 1090 votes to the new lists. That Messrs. Gillespie and Brandon were get ting the same vote is acknowledged by such Tory organs as the Montreal Gazette. It points out that Brandon took away between 800 and 900 votes from Gillespie while he only got between 200 and 300 from McGillivray.

From this the Liberals can gain a good lesson when the general election comes on. The Patrons must also take a warning from the result. They must realize that their programme is exactly on the same lines as the Liberal platform, and that where both are soliciting votes for the same purpose it will be worse than folly to have a Patron and a Liberal running against one Conservative It must inevitably follow that a Conservative must be returned. There are times, however, when the Liberals cannot withdraw their man even at the risk of losing the riding, and they could not do so in North Ontario. At the expense of seeing the same result in Cardwell the Liberals will no doubt also allow their candidate to stand, despite the numerous appeals of Mr. McCarthy to permit a square contest between his candidate and the government nominee. As already said, a little skirmishing of this kind on the eve of the general election will be of material benefit to the Patrons and the Liberals, but when the great parties meet to try their strength in the contest for power for the next five years there will not be many mistakes of this kind. In some constituencies the Liberals have already accepted Patron candidates and no doubt Patrons are quite willing to recognize this and will not put up their man where no good purpose in doing so can be served. In many constituencies the Patrons have developed great strength. In North Ontario, for instance, there was no organization on the part of either the Patrons or the Liberals. At the beginning it was recognized that the constituency was a badly gerrymandered one and to carry it against the government in the face of the whole cabinet operating in it and a horde of political wire pullers along with them was out of the question. Bribery was rampant. Besides this everybody who was supposed to have any influence in the constituency was taken into it and kept there until the contest was over. There were men from Calgary and Winnipeg on the one side and from Halifax on the other. Contractors and railway promoters were on hand. Hugh Sutherland and the Hudson Bay railway gang were at work. Departmental officers left their work at Ottawa and were electioneering along the side lines. The Indian vote was looked after by employes of the Indian department, and the big Indian, Dr. Oronhyatekha, had this time changed the order of things by issuing an address from himself to the white Foresters in the constituency instead of as Dr. Montague used to do, having an address issued from Her Majesty the Queen to the Indians asking them to vote for the Tory party. The Independent Order of Foresters have been put in a very questionable position by the actions of their chief, the doctor, and their supreme secretary, Mr. McGillivay. But more on this point will yet be heard of. SLABTOWN.

—Christy bread knives at Fox's

THE HAPPY JAPS.

Always Clean and Contented, and They Do Not Kiss.

Mr. A. B. de Guerville, writing for the December Munsey's, after very daintily picturing the beauty of the daughters of Japan, goes on to tell us of the people and customs of that country as follows:

"In no other country in the world will you see such happy people as in Japan. Nowhere do people know so well how to enjoy life. Even among the lowest of the laboring classes a satisfaction seems to reign, and it is with constant smiles that they toil and sweat. This everlasting happiness is natural to their race. It has its cause in the fact that their needs are small and that they know how to be satisfied with little; and for its effect one finds them to be the best-natured people in the world. Fighting, quarrelling, swearing, are unknown to them, and I am sure that never in all Japan was such a thing heard of as a woman making 'scenes,' or having an attack or nerves, or becoming hysterical because her dress would not fit, or slapping a child because the little one did not know what it had not been taught.

"Cleanliness is one of the first factors in Japanese civilization. The poorest citizen bathes every day, even twice a day. There are over eight hundred public baths in the city of Tokyo, and it is estimated that over three hundred thousand people patronize them daily at a cost of one sen three rins per head—about half a cent. A reduction of three rins is made for children. In addition to this, every private house has its own bath-room. In the villages where there are neither bathing establishments nor private bath-rooms, the people take their tubs out of doors and bathe before their houses; for cleanliness is more esteemed there than our artificial Western prudery. Indeed, it is not so long ago that Japanese ladies used to receive callers while in their bath—en tout bien tout honneur.

"In a Japanese family the same bath does for all the members, and as man is considered the nobler sex, the men bathe first, in the order of their age and dignity, the ladies afterwards, then the younger children; and all this without changing the water. Lastly the servants use the bath, unless they be sent to a public bath-house.

"The Japanese passion for bathing leads all classes to make extensive use of the numerous hot mineral springs about the country. Sometimes they carry their enjoyment of this natural luxury to an almost incredible extent. At Kawanaka, a tiny spa, the bathers often stay in the water for a month, placing stones in their laps to prevent them from floating in their sleep. The caretaker of the establishment, a hale and hearty old man of seventy, stays in the bath during the entire winter. To be sure, the water in this particular place is one or two degrees below blood heat.

There may be some who have yet to learn that there is no kissing in Japan. A young man never kisses his sweetheart, a wife never kisses her husband, and a mother never kisses her children. We ourselves remember asking a Japanese lady once why her people never kissed. Her reply was: "Physical contact is disagreeable to us."

To give his readers an idea of what a true Japanese thinks of kissing, we here quote from the article in hand an essay written by a young Jap in an English school at Yokohama, as follows:

"The wind of occidental civilization swept all over the country, and the customs were introduced days after days, and most of the Japanese youngmen are indulging in their manners. When they meet together they shake hands. They begin their speaking with 'Good morning.' They put roses on their bosom as if the presents of young ladies. That is right. I don't say it is wrong or foolish. But there is one thing that is awful dangerous—that is kiss, as it is called in English.

"What is kiss? Kiss is a salute by touching the lips closely together, and use when expressing a strong sympathy Now let me tell you the reason of it. First, it is physically dangerous. Toothache, consumption of the lungs, and other diseases transfer by certain means to other people. The kiss is the best interposition among certain means of transferring certain diseases. Take a lady who has disease in her lungs, for instance, and I kiss her; her disease may transfer to me, and I may become a sick man. This is the first disadvantage. Secondly, it does not seem fair to Japanese eyes. When I see people kiss I feel disagreeable, and therefore all Japanese feel disagreeable. I am sure in such reasons, I dare say, it is quite bad to introduce that custom in our country."

Speaking of Japanese girls in foreign attire reminds Mr. De Guerville of the criticism of an American woman, who said they had "no shape." Upon this he says:

"Truly the Japanese know nothing about corsets, but it may be pertinent to say, what do we mean by 'shape'? Is it to be three and a half inches through the waist and three and a half feet across the shoulders? What some call 'shape,' others call 'deformity.'

"A Japanese girl in a restaurant, looking at a foreign lady, the possessor of a very fine figure, who was enjoying a tremendously heavy lunch, asked 'Where does she keep her stomach?' No one was able to answer. 'Very strange,' added the pretty mousmi. 'She must keep it just under her throat, where she is so big!'

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The development of art in metal work as applied to the regular trade of builders' hardware, has been gradual. Some of the old-time workers in iron and brass produced patiently and laboriously large and elaborately designed knockers, locks and latches that were artistic and are valued to-day by collectors of antiques. The present workers can cast and finish in a few hours many elaborately designed knobs, plates, and hinges, and artists are employed to design dainty, graceful, and appropriate patterns, or to copy and apply the best and most practicable designs that art has produced, so that the ornamentation of a knob and plate may be artistic and refined. For special work, an architect's rough draught may be elaborated to be in harmony with certain ornamentation or style of architecture, and a design from a particular school or era of art may be carried through the ornamentation of an entire set of knobs, hinges, lifts, escutcheons handles and shutter bars. For the regular trade, the elaborate designs are limited.

The demand for knobs and plates has run through plain-finished brass and wrought iron to brass and bronze, with varied finishing. Oxidized copper finish seems to be preferred now for articles of moderate cost, but silver-plated brass and bronze, gold-plated bronze, and bronze with oxidized silver finish, are used in the most costly houses. The demand for cast-iron, wrought-iron, and steel, with dull black finish, has decreased to some extent, but they are the only methods that can be used appropriately in some instances. Designs that are in harmony with the original style of architecture have been produced, and they are severely plain when alongside some of the designs from the French schools.

Polishing and hand-chasing make the cost of hardware mount up, but the niceties of casting have been developed so much in recent years that some plates and other articles need only to be cleaned with sand and touched in spots with files and emery paper. The process used in finishing some of the metal is through the fumes of acids, dangerous for the workmen, but in the foundries and machine shops the smiths and machinists may work for many years without loss of health. In one foundry, in Connecticut, are smiths who are robust in health at sixty years of age, and in the machine shops adjoining are many old workmen, some of whom have such valuable improvements on machines for making locks that the attachments or devices have not been patented, owing to the fear of having them copied or stolen. The company and the faithful old workmen keep the secrets.—New York Times.

TORTURE IN THE FRENCH ARMY

Punishment of Severe and Inhuman Description Inflicted in Africa.

London Standard: A very painful sensation has been created in Paris, and will, no doubt, extend throughout the country, by the report of a court martial just held at Tunis. Before recounting the facts, it is requisite to explain that there exists in the French possessions in North Africa a special body of troops technically described as "Compagnies de Discipline," and dubbed in military parlance by the quaint appellation Biribi. This force is composed exclusively of bad and incorrigible characters. Conscripts, who, when their time comes for their incorporation in the army, happen to be serving a term of penal servitude are not sent to the regular infantry, but to these disciplinary companies; and noted offenders in the line regiments at home or in Algeria are often drafted into this penal corps. The punishments are of a peculiarly severe and inhuman description. Having said this much, I proceed to lay before you a statement of the case from the pen of a noted supporter of the government, Senator Rance. He says:

"A soldier of the Third African battalion, Chedel by name, has met his death from ill treatment. The minister of war ordered an inquiry, which led to a lieutenant, a sergeant and a corporal being brought before a court martial. They have just been tried and unanimously acquitted. Chedel, who was in a bad state of health, was locked up in a cell where the temperature stood at 50 degrees centigrade, or 122 degrees Fahrenheit. He was deprived of water. He was, moreover, subjected to la crapaudine—that is to say, his feet and hands were tied together behind his back. In addition, a gag was placed in his mouth. First, a common tent peg, with a handkerchief wrapped around it. Finally a stone was forced into his mouth. These horrors were not denied The judges examined the surgeon of the battalion, and asked him what Chedel had died of. The question strikes one as a lugubrious joke. The accused urged in their defense that the gag was the usual punishment in the battalion by direction of the commanding officer."

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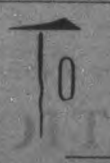

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

NANAIMO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Dec. 23.—It is rumored here that a movement is on foot to join with other parts of the province in a strong endeavor to oust the Chinamen from whatever calling they may be engaged in.

The board of trade is putting forth every endeavor to get the Dunsmuirs to ship coal from their new mines at Nanaimo. If a public meeting were called for the purpose of deciding what necessary steps should be taken towards the promulgation of the scheme, there would scarcely be a business man in the city that would oppose it.

Municipal politics appear to engage the attention of the public at this moment, and until after the election little else will be thought of. The supporters of Ald. Davison are sanguine of success, and on the other hand Mayor Quennell feels confident of re-election.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, Dec. 23.—The Spry-Palmer operatic company paid a visit to our town last week and was so well received that it played for four nights.

Three men in No. 4 mine were severely injured on Friday last by the explosion of gas.

Mr. R. D. R. Ramsay, of the Enterprise, left last Wednesday for the east for the purpose of paying a visit to his relatives. He will return some time in January.

A masquerade ball will be given under the auspices of the Wellington band at the new opera house on Tuesday, December 24th.

At a meeting of the Liberal-Conservative association held on Friday evening last Mr. J. Haggart was unanimously selected as the candidate for the coming Dominion election.

The schools here were closed on Friday last. The 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th divisions were closed in the morning, and the 1st and 2nd in the afternoon. There are about three children attending the public school here now and the number is gradually increasing.

KAMLOOPS.

Inland Sentinel.

G. C. Tunstall, government agent, by mail on Wednesday morning received a check for $66, being a sum raised by Similkameen miners as a Christmas gift to Thos. Burton, one of their old comrades who is now at the provincial home.

M. J. McIver, city assessor, has completed the municipal voters' list for the approaching year. There is very little change this year in the number on the list, being as follows: Ward I, 107; Ward II, 82; Ward III, 69; total, 258. Some names appear in two wards, so that in case an election is required for the mayoralty the number of votes will be about 200.

M. E. Burger, whose finger was shattered by the premature discharge of a gun, is able to work again. Mr. Burger has invented a device for raising water from a running stream, and has secured a caveat upon his invention in Canada and the United States. His recent accident has defeated his expectations of building one to go into actual operation, not being able to obtain the material.

Luke Sheridan, who last winter was employed at the Cosmopolitan hotel, came back to the city a few days ago from Slocan lake with J. Milne, with whom he has been prospecting all summer. Sherrin and Milne had fairly good luck, selling one location at a price which pair fair wages, and besides they still hold others. They spent most of the time on Cariboo creek, running into Arrow lake, about twenty-six miles from Nakusp, where they located the British Columbia claim, which has been talked of considerably. The British Columbia showed a ten-foot vein of ore, which carries gold chiefly, assays being got as high as $50. It also shows silver with some other minerals.

Several times the proposition has been made to establish a rifle corps in Kamloops, but no definite action was taken until last Friday night, when a well-attended meeting was held in Captain Nash's office to discuss the matter. There was a good attendance and considerable enthusiasm shown. Capt. Nash had previously corresponded with the militia department at Ottawa and stated that the department would give the company every encouragement. A list was at once opened and it now bears 47 signers. This petition will be forwarded to Ottawa soon and there is every probability that company will be formed.

There was a large attendance at a meeting held to consider the question of organizing a board of trade. The committee reported that they had found the judicial district in which Kamloops is situated, contained many more than the required number of inhabitants, and the business men were practically unanimous in favor of organizing a board of trade. It was decided to proceed at once toward procuring incorporation, and a list was opened when over 20 names were obtained. A committee was appointed to see those who did not attend the meeting and secure their signatures as charter members.

The Kamloops Sentinel says: "On Thursday last Alexander McLean, an inmate of the provincial home, died of suppuration of the bones of the head, at the age of 68. He was a native of Argyle, Scotland, and came to British Columbia in 1858, and mined in all parts of the province. He had been in the Victoria home before coming to Kamloops. This is the third death at the home since it was opened."

DUNCAN'S

Duncan's, Dec. 21.—Cowichan has always claimed the championship in every progressive movement for the last thirty years. We were the first to form an agricultural society, and I think the first public library outside of Victoria was established in Cowichan. Then we come to the front in forming the first municipality in a rival district, and although we are a little behind in the creamery line, we close on the heels of our neighbors on the Fraser and in Saanich. The final meeting of the Cowichan Creamery Company will be held at Duncan's on Monday, December 23rd, after which the erection of the creamery building will be in order. The site selected is over the river on property owned by Robert McKay, about half a mile out of the town of Duncan's. Nearly all the farmers of the district took shares, and among the heavy-weight shareholders are Major Mutter, M.P.P., W. F. Jaynes and a gentleman of Nanaimo. I read an account in the Times of the Saanich plowing match. It was all very well as far as it went, but we want more information, as we are likely to have a plowing match here in the spring. First, what was the depth and width of furrow, and what was the specific time to do a given amount of work in? And the most important, at what hardware store can we purchase a prize plow? Frost & Wood No. 8 is a capital all round plow, but in a keenly contested match it might be left out in the cold by some old rusty Scotch plow that has been lying in the ditch for the last twenty years. Another good-looking plow is Challenge No. 1, sold by Nicholles & Renouf. I think one of the best things belonging to a plowing match is to educate our hardware men to import first class prize plows, a plow that is not too heavy and at a reasonable cost.

Mr. Huff, our lately elected member of parliament, passed through to Victoria a few days ago. I believe it is his intention to pay us a visit shortly to feel the public pulse on things political. As far as I can learn the first and most important is a sweeping reduction in the number and salaries of all government employes, and economy all round; the high schools to be self-supporting; the public schools to be run with more economy and with one inspector; and the private bills that are likely to come before the house will require careful watching. Then in our district the Cowichan river improvement will require careful attention, and not give Boyd & Co. too much of a monopoly, to the detriment of others. Then a practical man should be appointed to the government agency here—one that will show no partiality to any class of individuals; a man of the people, and at the same time with a greatly reduced salary.

There are quite a few think that the labor bureau and the school of mines are useless appendages to the government. Then Mr. Vernon and the London office have certainly outlived their days of usefulness and should be abolished at once. And Bishop Perrin, although no doubt a good man, had better leave religious instructions in our schools alone or he will find himself in hot water. Our schools are all right as they are: we don't want the church to create trouble as they have done in Manitoba.

The Cowichan Literary Institute is in full swing for the winter months, and a number of entertainments are already announced.

The children of the Methodist church Sunday school will have a Christmas tree on Tuesday evening, at the Methodist church, Duncan's. Extensive preparations are being made for the occasion. Songs, recitations, dialogues, etc., will then be in order.

The Cowichan Liberals wear a smiling countenance and are overjoyed at the news from Victoria that Mr. Templeman, the Liberal candidate for the Dominion house, will be returned by a sweeping majority.

We expect lively times here during Christmas week, half a dozen weddings, entertainments, dances, etc.

Our school examination was held on Friday, the 20th, with a good attendance of both parents and children, everything passing off very satisfactorily, and our very popular school teacher, Miss A. E. Carmichael, has gone to Victoria for the holidays.

BELLA COOLA.

(From our own correspondent.)

Bella Coola, Decv. 7.—The winter has set in, but it is not felt much this year as compared with last, the fact being that the whole colony had to live in tents almost the whole of last winter. This time they have good houses and are all prepared in every respect.

Mr. P. J. Leech returned by the last steamer from Victoria and says there is no place like Bella Coola.

The work on the government bridge is to commence at once. The completion of the bridge will be of great help to the colony at large, as it has happened before that the colonists have been refused a road to the salt water by private property owners, and therefore had to put up with a great many difficulties. This bridge when put in will give the settlers a road to the sea on the Indian reservation side of the river, where the government wharf is also to be built.

Quite an enjoyable time took place at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Hammer at New Satsum, on the evening of November 28. A party of about twenty young people decide to call and surprise Mr. Albert Hammer. The party was cordially received and nothing was spared to make the evening pleasant. Games were played up to a late hour when all went home well pleased with the outcome of the first surprise party in Bella Coola.

The public school is progressing finely under the able management of Mr. I. Fougner.

Rev. C. Saugstad, president of the colony, in company with President H. B. Christiansen, of the Bella Coola Mercantile Company, will leave here about January for a trip to Minnesota. It is rumored that many new settlers will accompany them back to Bella Coola.

The young people of Bella Coola have organized a literary and debating society, and it is largely attended.

—When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Caddo, Ind. Terr., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age, was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's cough remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future. 75 cent bottles for sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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A recent case is that as told by Mrs. M. A. Joy, of West Toronto Junction, whose little daughter Annie, aged 15 years, had been a sufferer from severe nervous depression for about two years. As with all mothers, no trouble and expense was spared in the effort to bring relief to the child. The little one suffered extreme pains in the head, so distressing at times as to render her completely helpless, sapping all her strength. The best skill of the most skilled physicians was called into request, but little Annie steadily grew worse. Becoming more hopeless and discouraged as the weeks went by, Mrs. Joy decided on trying South American Nervine as almost a last resort. Employing her own words she said: "I determined to give it a trial, although I felt it was useless."

To-day it is all happiness around that home, for before one bottle of the medicine had been taken, the mother tells us Annie commenced to show decided signs of improvement. The child has taken three bottles and has practically regained her natural health and vigor. There is nothing surprising in the fact that Mrs. Joy cannot speak too highly of South American Nervine.

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Notice is hereby given that such duplicate will be issued unless cause be shown to the contrary, in writing within one months from the date hereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Deputy Registrar General.

Land Registry Office,
Victoria, November 27th, 1895.

Notice.

All persons are hereby warned against dealing in any way with the bay gelding "Snohomish Boy," now supposed to be in the hands of Frank Adams.

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THE CABINET.

A correspondent has asked us for information in regard to the cabinet, the privy council and the controllers, and we do not know that we can do better in response than reproduce the statements of Dr. Bourinot in his lately published book, "How Canada is Governed." It will be noticed from Dr. Bourinot's summary that only two classes of cabinet ministers are recognized, namely, ministers with portfolios and ministers without portfolios. The former have no departmental duties and draw no salaries. It is plain that Col. Prior cannot belong to either of the two classes mentioned, because he is a subordinate officer of the department of trade and commerce. The following sections from Dr. Bourinot's book seem to make the matter perfectly clear:

The Privy Council of Canada.

The British North America Act of 1867 provides that the council, which aids and advises the Governor-General, shall be styled the "Queen's Privy council for Canada," recalling that ancient council whose history is always associated with that of the king as far back as the earliest days of which we have authentic record (see above, p. 49). As in England, the terms "cabinet," "ministry," "administration," and "government," are indifferently applied in Canada to those members of the privy council who are for the time being at the head of public affairs. Privy councillors, when not in the government, retain their honorary rank, but it is simply one that entitles them to precedence on state occasions and has no official responsibility. When the governor-general appoints a body of advisers to assist him in the government he calls them first to be members of the privy council and then to hold certain offices or departments of state. It sometimes happens, however, that ministers are appointed to the cabinet without a portfolio or department, in accordance with English practice. The number of members of the cabinet vary from thirteen to fifteen, of whom twelve are heads of departments, whose duties are regulated by law and usage. At the present time there are the following heads of departments or divisions of the government for purposes of administration:

1. The President of the Privy Council, who presides over the meetings of the cabinet, and has no departmental duties except those done under his supervision by the clerks, relating to the work of the council. All orders in council, and acts of the council, are under them.

2. Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, who is the legal adviser of the governor-general and all departments of the government. He has the supervision of matters affecting the administration of justice in Canada, reviews all legislative acts of the provinces within one year after their receipt (see below, p. 168), and in short is the law officer of the Dominion government generally. He has also the superintendence of the prisons and penitentiaries of Canada.

3. Minister of Finance and Receiver General, who has charge of all matters relating to the finances and expenditures of the Dominion. He lays before parliament the "budget" (see below, p. 119) or official statement of the financial condition of the country, explains the policy of the government with respect to public taxation, the public credit, and the public currency.

4. Minister of Trade and Commerce, who has control of all matters relating to trade, and a general supervision over the collection of customs and excise duties (see below, p. 134) and the officers entrusted with the administration of those departments (see below, p. 81).

5. Minister of Agriculture, who has charge of the following matters:—Ariculture, immigration, public health and quarantine, marine and immigrant hospitals, census, statistics, and registration of statistics, patents of invention, copyright, industrial designs and trade marks, experimental farms.

6. Secretary of State, who has charge of all the correspondence between the government and the provinces, and on all other official matters relating to government generally; registers all documents issued under the great seal (see below, p. 86); has charge of public printing and of the purchase and distribution of stationary for all the departments of the public service.

7. Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who has supervision, under the laws of Canada, of the sea-coasts and inland fisheries, light-houses, beacons, harbors and piers, steamers and vessels belonging to the government, examination of masters and mates of vessels, inspection of steamers, establishment and regulations of marine hospitals, and generaly such matters as are connected with the marine, fisheries and navigation of Canada.

9. Minister of the Interior, who has control and management of offices and the affairs of the Northwest Territories, of the Indians, and of all public lands belonging to the government, and of the geological survey of Canada.

10. Postmaster General, who has the management of the post offices and all arrangements relating to the postal service in Canada, and between here and all other parts of the world.

11. Minister of Public Works, who has charge of the construction, repairs and maintenance of all public buildings and works (except railways and canals).

12. Minister of Railways and Canals, who has charge of the Intercolonial Railway between the city of Quebec, Halifax, and St. John, and all matters which the law entrusts to him in connection with railways throughout the Dominion. All the canals of Canada are also under his direction and supervision.

Under all these political heads of departments, there are deputy ministers, permanent and non-political, appointed by the governor-general in council, and also a large body of clerks and officials, who are appointed and promoted in accordance with the rules of the civil service of Canada (see below, p. 84).

4.—Ministers Not in the Cabinet.

"In 1892 a step was taken in the direction of the English practice of having ministers with seats in parliament, but not in the cabinet. At the present time there is a controller of customs in charge of the department of customs, and a controller of inland revenue, acting under the general instructions of the minister of trade and commerce. These ministers go out of office when the government of which they form a portion are defeated at a general election or in parliament. A solicitor-general, who is assistant attorney-general of Canada, has also a seat in parliament and is in the same political position as the two controllers. These three ministers are by royal authority styled "honourable" during their term of office. Privy councillors, whether in or out of the cabinet, have always a right to bear this title".

SHIPPING.

Doings in Marine Circles During th Past Twenty-Four Hours.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Steamer Czarina, on her way to San Francisco to Pensacola, Fla., was supposed to be under charter to one of the Puget Sound coal companies, but it is now known that the real charters or purchasers of the vessel are Messrs. J. D. Spreckles & Bros., and that the steamer will ply between this port and Marshfield, Ore., where the Spreckles own a coal mine. The Czarina is to help the steamer Homer, which is at present on that route. The Homer has been accepting freight at $1 per ton for Coquille, Myrtle Point and Roseburg, Ore., and cabin rates have been $5 first class to all these points, in competition with the O. R. & N. Co. and the Southern Pacific. If the Spreckles intend to hold the rates down and put on another steamer, then the traffic war may be continued indefinitely in Southern Oregon. Czarina is a vessel of 700 tons register. She will carry coal and freight and of course will accommodate quite of number of passengers.

New York, Dec. 23.—Bark Herbert Black arrived this afternoon with a new crew, shipped in Barbadoes. She left Buecnta Aronas, on the west coast of South America, June 20, and made an uneventful run to Cape Town. Several of the crew began to complain of pains and some nine developed cases of berriberri. Captain Blanchard headed his vessel for Barbadoes, as the easiest port to make, with the stricken crew. Four of the crew died at Barbodoes and five were left at he hospital. Captain Blanchard had a similar experience with the same vessel at Puenta Arenas two years ago.

Word was sent in from the outer wharf this morning that the Rosalie had become disabled, but upon investigation it was found that she had only changed her course and ran into the Royal Roads for shelter. After waiting there for two hours, and finding that the storm did not abate the Rosalie again ventured out, keeping along the lea of the land as far down as Race Rocks. From there she could run across to Port Angeles and follow the American shore.

The steamer Boscowitz arrived from the North on Saturday evening. Among her passengers were Thos. Draney, Bella Coola; Eli Hunt, Alert Bay; Captain Cutler, of the Agnes McDonald, who was up at Fort Rupert arranging for an Indian crew; Mr. Davidson, of the Standard Canning Co., and J. Little. The Boscowitz encountered stormy weather on the way down.

The Norwegian steamer Florida sailed from Vancouver on Saturday for South Africa with a cargo of lumber consisting of 2,500,000 feet, valued at over $21,500. Just as she was leaving the harbor a coal trimmer named George Wrighton was killed by a mass of coal sliding on him.

On account of the stormy weather, the schooner Katherine, which left Saturday for the Japanese coast, put into the Royal Roads, where she will remain till the storm abates. The Mascot and the Borealis left Saturday night for the Japanese coast.

Southampton, Dec. 23.—A determined effort will be made to-day by five tugs to float the North German Lloyd steamship Spree, which went ashore on the Warden ledge near Totland Bay, Isle of Wight, on Thursday last, where she remains hard and fast.

Owing to the storm raging in the Gulf the steamer Edith, which is going to replace the Schome, has not yet arrived from the Sound.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The full court is to-day hearing the defendants' appeal in Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Co. v. Jerry et al. The venue in this action was first laid at Nelson, but subsequently negotiations were entered into whereby only a question of law would have to be tried and it was agreed to have it tried in Victoria. These negotiations were not carried out, but notice of trial was served for Victoria and subsequently an order changing the venue to Victoria was made. The defendants now appeal. Mr. W. J. Taylor for the appellants and M. E. V. Bodwell contra.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Events of Interest in the Amateur and Professional Field.

THE WHEEL.

BICYCLES PACKED IN TRUNKS.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The bicycle men have scored one on the railroads, since the latter declared they would no longer check bicycles or carry them without charge. The wheelmen have taken to packing their wheels in trunks and then checking the trunks, which the roads are compelled to carry as ordinary baggage. Several of the roads asked Chairman Caldwell to rule on it and pointed out to him the difficulty to determine what was in the trunks. The chairman ruled that the railroads must make the best of the situation. Charges may be made when the wheels are carried in crates or boxes, but when they go in trunks as personal baggage, the roads must carry them as such.

ZIM ON TOP.

Melbourne, Dec. 23.—A. A. Zimmerman, the American bicyclist, defeated separately, Pitcher, of New Zealand, and Walker, of Victoria, in two races, a mile each. Both were scratch events.

CHESS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—To-day play was resumed in the international chess tournament, when the game resulted as follows: Pillsbury, white, drew with Steinitz after 55 moves, the opening being a queen's gambit declined. Lasker was unwell, and the game with Tschigorin was not played. The present score is Pillsbury 3½, Lasker 3, Steinitz 1½, Tschigorin 1.

THE TURF.

A VALUABLE CARGO.

New York, Dec. 23.—The steamship Manitoba, which sailed for London Saturday afternoon, carried some valuable freight in the shape of a string of thoroughbreds, the property of Duke and Wishard, the western turfmen. They, like Richard Croker, and Mr. Dwyer, will try their luck on the English turf. Enoch Wishard accompanied the horses and will train them while abroad. Jockey Reiff was also a passenger. He will carry the stable colors where he can make the weight.

THE RING.

SULLIVAN IN A CAFE.

Chicago Dec. 23.—John L. Sullivan is to become a permanent resident of Chicago. A Milwaukee brewing company has offered to put him in charge of a big cafe and Sullivan has accepted.

A CONDUCTOR'S CARELESSNESS

Causes a Collision with Terrible Results on the Reading Railroad.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The local northbound train on the Reading railroad left the suburb Frankford at 6:44 a.m., Saturday, without waiting, as customary, for the down train, which arrives at 6:45 a.m.. The result was a head end collision at Sellers street, two blocks north of the Frankford station. Two persons were killed and several injured, three fatally.

The killed are Daniel Hart, aged 70, of Frankford; George Anderson, aged 16, Frankford.

Injured—Edward Scott, aged 20, Frankford, both legs crushed, will probably die; Samuel Sievers, Frankford, both legs and an arm crushed, will probably die; George Walters, Frankford, both legs and one arm crushed, will die; Charles Guard, aged 28, Philadelphia, baggagemaster, injured about legs and shoulder; Herbert E. Fray, aged 17, Frankford, one leg crushed and body badly bruised; William Mosely, aged 16, Frankford, both legs badly hurt; Irwin Udall, aged 45, Frankford, both legs and one arm broken.

The usual orders are for the outbound train to wait at Frankford for the train due at the same time from the north. Conductor Lewis Jarrett, of the northbound train, ordered the engineer to go ahead. The train had barely left the depot when the engineer sent the fireman back to ask the conductor if orders had been received to go ahead, as he had received none. As soon as the fireman spoke to the conductor the latter jumped up and pulled the rope for the train to back. Before the engineer had time to reverse the down train crashed into the northbound. The tender of the northbound train was driven clear through the baggage compartment of the combination car into the smoking compartment, which was crowded with passengers, and this is where the slaughter took place.

—The crossing of an electric light wire with a telephone wire caused quite an electric display on Herald street at 2 o'clock this morning. One house was for a time endangered, but the wires were cut by Chief Deasy before much damage was done.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—W L Fall, Erskine Wall & Co, G Henderson.

Per City of Kingston from the Sound.—D H Ross & Co, Vic Fish & Trad Co, Vato & Brooks, Lenz & Leiser, Simon Leiser, E G Prior & Co, Jos Sommers, M R Smith & Co, Con Ry & Ltg Co, Cunliffham & Co, B C Market Co.

Per steamer Islander from Vancouver—S O'Brien, Hip Lung & Co, Hang Wo Hing, Yuen Lung, Hang Wo Hing Kee, Shing Lee & Co, Ying Cheong Lung, Zee Tai & Co, Wah Yuen & Co, Tai Soong & Co, T S Futcher, F C Davidge, Wilson Bros, J A C, W R, Parsons Produce Co, T C Raynor, Shawnigan Lake Lumber Co, Albion Iron Brackman & Ker Milling Co, E J Saunders, F R Stewart, Martin & R, T Turner, T R Patterson, Dom Ex Co.

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PERSONAL.

H. B Calder and wife, of San Francisco, are at the Driard.

R. S. Norton, of Toronto, and A. B. Edgar, of Montreal, are at the Driard.

BIRTH.

SCOTT—In this city on the 23rd inst., the wife of H. J. Scott of a daughter.

—The preliminary examination of Dr J. K. Garrow and Henry Creech, charged with the murder of Mary Helen Janes, was continued this morning. Dr. Ernest Hall was called to the stand and between the direct and cross examination was kept there until after three o'clock. One or two new points were brought out by the prosecution. In connection with the conversation witnes had with Dr. Garrow, he said that Garow had discussed the advisability of his (Garrow) leaving town for a few days. Dr. Hall said under no condition would he prescribe ergotine when he knew a woman to be pregnant. Mrs. Janes, mother of the girl, was the next witness.

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